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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Burbank et al.

For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
SECURING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS TO
DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A PATIENT'S
BODY**

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) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

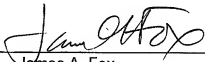
On page 1, please replace paragraph one with the following:

This application is a continuation of copending patent application Serial No. 09/146,185, filed September 1, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of patent application Serial No. 09/057,303, filed April 13, 1998, which claims benefit to provisional patent application Serial No. 60/076,973, filed March 3, 1998, all of which applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and from which priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119(e) and 120.

REMARKS

A marked-up version to show changes made is attached hereto. No new matter is added by this amendment. Consideration and entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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